

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marina Portnova, Reg. No. 45,750 on 5/23/08. In the interview, it was agreed to amend the independent claims to include details regarding calculation of the similarity number according to the discussion on page 10 of the originally filed specification.

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6/25/08*
The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend claims 23, 32, 33, and 41 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

23. (Currently Amended): In line ¹⁴~~15~~, after "elements" and before ":" please insert:

, wherein when the similar program elements are similar program code identifiers, the similarity number is calculated by combining a number of matching alphabetical characters in the similar program code identifiers with a fraction of a number of matching numerals in the similar program code identifiers

32. (Currently Amended): In line 1, after "claim₁" delete "31" and insert "30".

33. (Currently Amended): In line 16, after "elements" and before ":" please insert:

, wherein when the similar program elements are similar program code identifiers, the similarity number is calculated by combining a number of matching alphabetical